



## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Thursday, 2015 May 14**

An 'Open' meeting of the Public Safety Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Burnaby City Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C. on Thursday, 2015 May 14 at 6:00 PM.

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Pietro Calendino, Chair  
Councillor Paul McDonell, Vice Chair  
Councillor Anne Kang, Member  
Mr. Paul Holden, Burnaby Board of Trade  
Ms. Donna Dawson, Burnaby Crime Prevention Society  
Mr. Stephen McLean, Citizens' Representative  
Mr. David Pereira, Citizens' Representative  
Mr. Trevor Ritchie, Citizens' Representative  
Ms. Carolyn Oraziotti, Chair, District #2 – Burnaby Mountain  
Ms. Lindy McQueen, Chair, District #3 – Southeast  
Ms. Mary Gates, Chair, District #4 – Southwest

**ABSENT:** Mr. Larry Hayes, School Trustee  
Ms. Emma Lee, Citizens' Representative  
Ms. Emily Li, Citizens' Representative  
Mr. Dan De Santis, Citizens' Representative  
Mr. Tony Wong, Chair, District #1 – Hastings/Brentwood

**STAFF:** Chief Supt. Dave Critchley, OIC, RCMP  
S/Sgt Major John Buis, Executive NCO, RCMP  
Insp. Kathy Hartwig, Community Programs Officer, RCMP  
Sgt. Gregor Aitken, Strategic Planner, RCMP  
Const. Shelby Murphy, Anti-Graffiti Coordinator, RCMP  
Mr. Lambert Chu, Deputy City Manager  
Ms. Kathy Wipf, Anti-Graffiti Coordinator  
Ms. Margaret Manifold, Social Planner  
Ms. Blanka Zeinabova, Administrative Officer

The Chair called the 'Open' meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Councillor Calendino introduced Ms. Kathy Wipf, Anti-Graffiti Coordinator for the City of Burnaby.

Chief Supt. Critchley introduced three new RCMP members – Insp. Kathy Hartwig, Community Programs Officer, Sgt. Gregor Aitken, Strategic Planner, and Const. Shelby Murphy, Anti-Graffiti Coordinator.

## 2. **MINUTES**

### a) **Minutes of the Public Safety Committee Open meeting held on 2015 March 12**

MOVED BY MR. MCLEAN:

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL:

THAT the minutes of the Open meeting held on 2015 March 12 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 3. **PRESENTATIONS**

### a) **Steve Elson, Police Coordinator Re: Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers Speaker: Steve Elson**

Mr. Steve Elson, Police Coordinator, Crime Stoppers appeared before the Committee to provide information on Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers. Mr. Elson noted that Crime Stoppers is an independent, non-profit society and registered charity managed by a civilian Board of Directors working in partnership with the police, the media and local citizens. Crime Stoppers operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Crime Stoppers call centre (Tip Line) is located in Ontario, and they also have a translation service (115 languages). There are currently 30 member programs of BC Crime Stoppers (an umbrella organization for individual community-based Crime Stoppers programs in the Province). Last year, BC Crime Stoppers received over 4,000 tips.

The speaker noted that Crime Stoppers is a vehicle that allows citizens to *anonymously* supply the police with information about a crime or potential crime of which they have knowledge without fear of reprisal. Crime Stoppers provides a cash reward up to \$2,000 upon an arrest and charge for a tip.

*\*\*Councillor McDonell retired from the meeting at 6:34 p.m.\*\**

*\*\*Councillor McDonell returned to the meeting at 6:35 p.m. and took his place at the Committee table.\*\**

Ms. McQueen inquired how an individual can claim a reward.

Mr. Elson noted that in order to claim a reward, the person receives a code (i.e. ABC123) and have 60 days to respond to Crime Stoppers.

Mr. McLean inquired regarding Crime Stoppers funding.

It was noted that 60% of funding is received from the government and 40% is obtained through fundraising (i.e. golf tournaments) and private donations.

Mr. Pereira inquired regarding statistics across Canada.

Mr. Elson noted that Crime Stoppers is third best program in North America.

Councillor McDonell inquired about different divisions of Crime Stoppers in BC.

The speaker noted there are 30 member programs in BC, i.e. Kamloops, Central Okanagan, Prince George, Williams Lake, etc., governed by BC Board of Directors. Metro Vancouver program is the largest and receives about 60% of the tips.

The Chair thanked Mr. Elson for very informative presentation.

#### 4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

MOVED BY MR. HOLDEN:

SECONDED BY MS. MCQUEEN:

THAT the correspondence be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

##### a) **Correspondence from Cathryn Palmer, President CAPG** **Re: Canadian Association of Police Governance**

*\*\*Councillor Kang retired from the meeting at 6:44 p.m.\*\**

Correspondence was received from Ms. Cathryn Palmer, President of Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) providing information on the CAPG. It was noted that CAPG was founded in 1989 and now represents over 75% of municipal police services in Canada. Ms. Palmer invited Burnaby RCMP to consider becoming a member of the CAPG.

## 5. **REPORTS**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL:

SECONDED BY MR. RITCHIE:

THAT the report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a) **Report from Director Planning & Building and OIC, Burnaby  
RCMP**

**Re: Public Safety Committee 2015 Workplan**

The Director Planning and Building and OIC, RCMP submitted a report providing an update on implementation of the Public Safety Committee's 2014 Workplan, and proposing a Workplan for 2015.

The Director Planning and Building and OIC, RCMP recommended:

1. THAT the Committee request Council to endorse its proposed 2015 Workplan, attached as Appendix 1.

*\*\*Councillor Kang returned to the meeting at 6:47 p.m. and took her place at the Committee table.\*\**

Arising from discussion, the Committee requested that the Appendix 1 – Action #3 – be revised to read as follows:

- a. Request updates on the implementation of the RCMP's Mental Health Intervention Program and identify possible gaps in service for people experiencing mental illness and report them to Fraser Health for action.
- b. Work towards reducing policing costs related to mental health calls for service.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL:

SECONDED BY MR. RITCHIE:

THAT the recommendation of the Director Planning and Building and OIC, RCMP be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chief Supt. Critchley advised that RCMP, together with City staff, working on the updated website for Business Watch. The following information and links will be

available in the future – crime maps, workshops, crime alerts, public safety partners, tips and resources and contact us.

The Committee inquired how the information regarding a new website will be conveyed to businesses.

Chief Supt. Critchley suggested mail out, attach information when applying for business license, use media (print and TV) and social media, and press release.

Mr. Holden noted that Burnaby Board of Trade is hosting Business Showcase and Expo on Thursday, 2015 May 21 and suggested RCMP have a booth at the event.

RCMP undertook to investigate the feasibility to have static displays at the event with information about the upcoming Business Watch website.

## **6. MONTHLY REPORTS**

MOVED BY MR. MCLEAN:

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KANG:

THAT the Monthly Reports be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **a) District #1**

There were no submissions for District #1.

### **b) District #2**

Ms. Oraziatti, Chair noted that the District #2 encourages youth participation. North Burnaby Secondary School established "Crime Prevention Club" and Burnaby Mountain Secondary School started "Graffiti Busters Club".

The Chair noted that some volunteers questioned changes in the Crime Watch Program, and inquired clarification.

Chief Supt. Critchley noted that work is underway on the mandate/terms of references in order to be consistent with RCMP policies and procedures. The main reason behind the changes is to ensure safety of all volunteers.

Councillor Calendino requested staff meet with members to convey the information about these changes.

Staff undertook to provide the necessary information to all members.

**c) District #3**

Ms. McQueen, Chair advised that Edmonds Spring Clean Sweep on May 02 was successful, with 52 people in attendance. It was noted Ms. Wipf and Const. Murphy assisted with graffiti removal.

The speaker noted that District #2 will be participating at the Edmonds Bike Fair on June 05 at the Edmonds Community School.

**d) District #4**

Mr. Gates, Chair noted that Speed Watch volunteers are looking forward to meet with new officer in charge of traffic safety.

The speaker noted rise of theft from autos and a \$10,000 theft of construction tools left on Anthem Properties.

It was noted that the ICBC focus for May 2015 is high speed offences. May 15 will highlight this activity with a traffic blitz conducted from Mission to Vancouver.

Ms. Gates inquired regarding the Citizen Complaint Forms at the City Hall.

Staff noted that the Citizen Complaint Forms are available at the City Hall or people can contact the City through the website.

**e) Graffiti**

Ms. Wipf, Anti-Graffiti Coordinator advised that the Anti-Graffiti Program was developed by the Mayor's Task Force on Graffiti in 2007. The program consists of four main elements – eradication, education, prevention and identification and deterrence.

The speaker noted that development of Graffiti Busters Program (with cooperation of Burnaby Mountain Secondary students and Burnaby North Road BIA). This is a pilot program where student volunteers are being educated about graffiti and will be doing graffiti removal. In the fall, these students will go to their feeder elementary schools to educate the Grades 6 and 7 classes. The goal is to expand this program to all secondary schools in Burnaby.

Ms. Wipf advised regarding development of the Lower Mainland Enforcement Team which consists of police officers and municipal staff in Metro Vancouver area. This enforcement team will be targeting prolific graffiti vandals.

It was noted that the City's Anti-Graffiti Program continues with ongoing community paint outs, bylaw enforcement, responding to complaints and monitoring neighbourhoods with mapping out problem areas.

**f) RCMP**

Chief Supt. Critchley noted recent escalation of violence and shooting in Surrey and Delta. It was noted that Burnaby RCMP members targeted individuals at the street level drug trade, and as a result, an arrest was made with attempted murder charges pending.

The speaker noted that a number of investigations are underway regarding member involved shooting, and advised that member acted according to a policy; however, further details cannot be released.

Chief Superintendent noted that in the first four months of 2015, the number of crime types in the community significantly decreased. The most significant drop was in theft from auto in District #3 by 38% and auto theft by 18%. A number of robberies also decreased.

It was noted that the detachment is experiencing challenges in the break and enter to residencies, due to warmer weather and longer daylight hours.

S/Sgt Major Buis advised that 2015 August 15 marks 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Burnaby RCMP. There will be a number of activities planned, i.e. barbeque at the City Hall, displays at the Burnaby Village Museum, regimental dinner, etc.).

Chief Supt. Critchley noted that a new Media Relations Officer will start in June.

Chief Superintendent also noted that a report on Cell Watch and Speed Watch Programs will be submitted at the next Public Safety Committee meeting.

*\*\*Ms. Dawson retired from the meeting at 7:45 p.m. and did not return.\*\**

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business brought before the Committee at this time.

**8. INQUIRIES**

**Stephen McLean**

Mr. McLean inquired regarding a violent incident on Bryant Street, where his neighbour's 16 year old son was hit over the head with a pipe, injured and robbed.

Chief Superintendent advised he is aware of the incident; however, does not know more details, and also cannot comment on the case. The speaker also noted that he believes this is an isolated incident.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL:  
SECONDED BY MR. MCLEAN:

THAT this Open Committee meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The 'Open' meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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Blanka Zeinabova  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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Councillor Pietro Calendino  
CHAIR